

# FROGGER - INSTRUCTIONS

## OBJECT OF THE GAME

The object of the game is to hop as many frogs to safety as you can - and to score the most points along the way!

## INITIAL SET UP

1. Insert Cartridge into your computer with the power OFF. Then turn the power ON. You'll see the initial screen.
2. Plug in a Joystick Controller.

### ATARI 2600

1. To select a game number press down on the GAME SELECT switch. The game number will appear at the top of the screen.
2. Set the DIFFICULTY switch:  
**Position A:** You'll lose Frogger if he's carried off-screen on a floating object.  
**Position B:** Frogger can be carried safely off-screen on a floating object. He'll then reappear on the other side of the screen so you can continue play. However, Frogger can't hop off-screen.

In a one-player game, use the left DIFFICULTY switch. In a two-player game, the 1st player uses the left DIFFICULTY switch and the 2nd player uses the right DIFFICULTY switch.

3. Press down the GAME RESET switch - and you're ready to start the action!

### COMMODORE 64

1. Press F3 to choose FAST or SLOW game speed. If you choose the "fast" option, the floating objects will begin each level by moving at a slow speed and then increasing to a faster rate. Current game speed is indicated in the lower left corner of the screen.
2. Press F5 to choose a 1- or 2-player game.
3. To START press F1.

### ATARI 8 BIT COMPUTERS

1. Press OPTION for Fast or Slow.
2. Press SELECT for 1 or 2-players.
3. Press START to begin the game play.
4. Use RESET to re-start the game.

### COLECOVISION

1. Press 1 for a 1-player game or 2 for a 2-player game.
2. Press 3 for a SLOW game speed or 4 for a FAST game speed. If you choose the "fast" option the floating objects will begin each level by moving at a slow speed and then increasing to a faster rate after a short period of time.
3. Press 5 to turn the music OFF or 6 to turn the music ON. A note appears at the bottom of the screen when the music is on.
4. To START press \*.

## PLAYING

Frogger's journey takes him from the sidewalk across a busy highway to the riverbank and across the river to home bay and safety.

You'll start the game with 5 frogs. The first frog is shown on the sidewalk below the traffic. The remaining frogs are shown in the lower left-hand corner of the screen.

## TIME BAND

You have only a limited amount of time to move Frogger from the sidewalk and into a home bay, one of the blue, open-ended squares at the top of the screen.

Time is monitored by the time band, the red line located in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. You have approx. 25 seconds or 48 "ticks" on the cartridge timer, to move Frogger home. If you run out of time before you get Frogger home, you'll "splooch" him (lose him). You'll hear a sound, then see a skull and crossbones on the spot where Frogger was when his time ran out.

However, if you take Frogger home before the time band disappears, you'll see "TIME" and the number of "ticks" you had left displayed above the time band. You'll score 10 points for each remaining "tick" of time.

## FROM THE SIDEWALK TO THE RIVERBANK

Frogger starts his perilous journey on the sidewalk, facing 4 lanes of cars and trucks. As soon as the music starts to play, you're ready to start Frogger hopping! Try to get Frogger through the lanes of traffic. Traffic travels in alternating directions and at different speeds, so be careful. Frogger will get "splooched" if he touches any part of a vehicle or is run over!

## FROM THE RIVERBANK ACROSS THE RIVER

Because Frogger can't swim in the river (the current is too strong) hop him from one row of logs, turtles, or alligators onto the next in order to cross it.

1. **Logs:** Frogger can hop from side to side on a log; he can also jump forward and backward onto another floating object. But he'll land in the river if he leaps to the left or right off a log.
2. **Turtles:** The tan objects that float on the river are the turtles. Frogger can hop on their backs as well as between a set of them (2 or 3 turtles in a row). He can jump forward and backward from a turtle onto another floating object. But he'll land in the river if he jumps to the left or right off either of the end turtles.
3. **Diving Turtles:** These tricky turtles can float on the water and dive under the water! When they're tan, it's safe for Frogger to jump on their backs. But once they turn blue, watch out! That means they're getting ready to dive, so hop Frogger onto another floating object fast! If you're not quick enough, Frogger will get "splooched".

But these turtles can't stay under water forever. When you see a set of blue turtles suddenly appear on the screen, this means they're coming up for air. They'll soon be changing from blue to tan, so Frogger will be safe on their backs until they dive again.

While crossing the river, here are some other things to watch for:

1. **Lady Frog:** Occasionally you'll see a white "lady" frog on a log. Hop Frogger onto the log to try to rescue her. If you do, you'll hear a sound, then you won't see the white frog. Now try to get Frogger home to safety. When you do, you'll earn bonus points.
2. **Alligators:** There are alligators floating in the river. They'll snap their jaws open and closed, just waiting for a tender Frogger morsel to jump their way! Frogger is safe on an alligator's body or on its mouth when it is closed, but he's a goner if he jumps into the alligator's open jaws!
3. **Snakes:** Snakes will appear on the riverbank and on the logs as the game gets more difficult. Keep Frogger as far away from any part of the snake or Frogger will get "splooched".
4. **Otters:** The river otters are very fast swimmers and they'll try to grab Frogger off the end of a log or a row of turtles. Keep Frogger as far away from them as possible, or he'll get "splooched".
5. **Floating Off-Screen:** Be careful not to let Frogger float off-screen. If he does, he'll reappear "splooched" and you'll lose him.

## FROM THE RIVER TO HOME BAY

Successfully hop Frogger into a home bay, and he's safe and sound! You'll score points each time you bring Frogger home and get bonus points each time you bring 5 frogs home.

When leaping Frogger into his home bay, here are some things to watch for:

1. **Jumping Home:** Hop Frogger into a home bay when he's directly in front of it. If Frogger hits any part of the green shrubbery on the sides of the home bay, he'll get "splooched".
2. **Occupied Home Bay:** Frogger can't jump into a home bay that's occupied by another frog.
3. **Alligator's Head:** If an alligator's head is showing in a home bay, it's not safe for Frogger to jump in. However, if the head is just beginning to show, Frogger won't be harmed.
4. **Fly:** If you hop Frogger into a home bay while a fly is showing, Frogger gets a free meal - and you score extra points.

## GAME DIFFICULTY

Each time you bring 5 frogs home, you'll hear a short tune. Then the game will continue at a more difficult level with your remaining frogs. The speed of the cars and trucks will vary from lane to lane. Traffic pattern will change. There will be fewer floating objects on the river, and the speed of the objects will vary from slow to fast. Frogger-eating snakes will appear on the riverbank, there will be fewer turtles and logs and otters will swim around in the river.

## END OF GAME

The game ends when no frogs are left.

To start over when you're in the middle of a game, press the RESET button then follow the instructions in **Setting the Console Controls**.

## GAME LEVELS

Frogger has 4 game levels, all for 1 or 2-player action. Once you successfully complete the 4 levels you will continue to play, repeating level 4 until you lose all your frogs.

Above the Time Band you will see a number of diamonds. This indicates the level you are playing. More than 4 diamonds indicates a repetition of the 4th level. A maximum of 8 diamonds can appear on the screen.

**Two Player Games:** The left player goes first, players then alternate turns. Your turn ends when you lose a frog; you begin your turn again with your remaining frogs. The game ends once both players have lost all their frogs.

## SCORING

The score is displayed on the bottom of the screen, in the middle. In a 1-player game, your score is displayed throughout the game. In a 2-player game, whoever is up has his or her score displayed.

Points accumulate as follows:

Successfully jumping Frogger forward .....	10 pts.
Successfully jumping Frogger home .....	50 pts.
Successfully jumping 5 frogs home .....	1000 pts.
Taking a lady frog home .....	200 pts.
Eating a fly .....	200 pts.
Extra points for time remaining .....	10 pts. per remaining tick

Every time you score a total of 10,000 points you'll get another Frogger.